

Application No. 10/010,435

- Amendment dated September 29, 2003
- Reply to Office Action of August 29, 2003

REMARKS

Responsive to the election requirement mailed on August 29, 2003, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 1-12 of Group I, and within Group I, Species A (claims 7-8), with traverse.

In particular, it is submitted that with respect to the Group I claims directed to the method of constructing a glass panel, and the glass panel claim 13 dependent upon claim 1 and currently placed in Group II, there will be such a large degree of overlap in the Examiner's search directed to subject matter of these claims that they would most efficiently be included in the same application.

For similar reasons, it is asserted that the subject matter of claims 7-8 (Group I, Species A) drawn to solder glass bands being liquid paste *viz.* claim 9 (Group 1, Species B), drawn to solder glass bands being pre-formed with film or tape, would most efficiently be searched in the search directed to formation of bonds between the solder glass band and the sheet done for claims 1-12 in the present application.

The Examiner is reminded that claims 9 and 13, which were not elected by this response, will be examined upon allowance of claim 1, which is presently considered generic.

An action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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